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This move will allow us to save money and streamline the process of putting the newsletter together each week.

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Community Calendar

July 27

Sammamish Walks - Sammamish Landing

<u>Seattle Shakespeare presents Twelfth Night at Klahanie Park</u>



July 30

Kids First - Justin Roberts

Blood Drive at City Hall

July 31

Sammamish Farmers Market

Open House for Issaquah-Fall City Road Project



August 1

Concert in the Park: 3 Trick Pony

August 6

<u>KidsFirst! - Xakary</u>

National Night Out



August 7

Sammamish Farmers Market

August 8

Concerts in the Park - The Beatniks

August 9 - 11

King County's Traveling Wastemobile

August 10

Sammamish Walks - Yellow Lake

August 12 - 18

Sand Sculpture Event

August 16 - 18

P.O.P. - Party on the Plateau!

News You Can Use

Code Enforcement: A Sign of The Times

Sammamish's sign regulations were updated in 2017, and with election season now here, we're getting a lot of questions...so we've posted a simple guide for where you can place/display Non-Commercial Temporary Signs on our website at https://www.sammamish.us/news-events/current-news?id=52957

Parks and Recreation: 1999

Join us for August 16 - 18 for P.O.P. - Party on the Plateau! This brand new multi-day festival will offer live musical performances; a kids zone with bouncy houses, face painting, balloon artist and much more; a beer and wine garden presented by Chamber of Commerce; an outdoor game area for adults and kids; a food rodeo with variety of food trucks; vendors with giveaways; and activities throughout the weekend! See the full schedule of events and performances on our website: https://www.sammamish.us/event?id=51934

During the P.O.P. celebration the <u>Arts Commission</u> will be showcasing a sand sculpture to commemorate the **City of Sammamish's 20th anniversary!** In addition, a sand sculpture workshop with the artist will be offered.

<u>Transportation Master Plan: I Get Around</u>

Improve how you get around town by joining one of our three upcoming workshops on the Transportation Master Plan (TMP)! These workshops, which will be on August 15, 22, and 29, will be interactive and allow you to voice your preferences for transportation projects in Sammamish. Your input will be used to help us develop Sammamish's first TMP. If you have any questions about these meetings or the TMP effort, please email tmp@sammamish.us.

YOU'RE INVITED

to help the City of Sammamish create its first Transportation Master Plan

IMPROVE HOW YOU GET AROUND TOWN! JOIN US AT ONE OF THE WORKSHOPS BELOW

Thursday | AUG. 15 | 6:30-8:30 PM CWU Sammamish 120 228th Avenue NE

Thursday | AUG. 22 | 6:30-8:30 PM Blackwell Elementary 3225 205th Place NE

Thursday | AUG. 29 | 6:30-8:30 PM Beaver Lake Lodge 25201 SE 24th Street



Questions about this project? Email: tmp@sammamish.us



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<u>Puget Sound Regional Council: Making Plans</u>

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) wants to hear your thoughts about the **draft VISION 2050 plan.** Forecasts show the region needs to plan for another 1.8 million people; VISION 2050 is the regional guide for how this growth can support thriving communities, a strong economy and a healthy environment. The draft plan contains the region's multicounty planning policies and actions and a regional strategy for how and where we grow through 2050.

The public comment period is open until September 16, 2019. Visit the PSRC's website, https://www.psrc.org/vision, to learn more about the plan and provide comments through the Online Open House.



Public Works Updates for July 26 - August 2

2019 Asphalt Overlay Project

Following the newly completed concrete sidewalk and ADA ramp replacement, the asphalt contractor will begin the the roadway repairs. The contractor has already milled the portion of SE 24th to be repaired this year, and will be following with asphalt next week. In addition, the contractor will be working in the following neighborhoods: Lakepoint in Klahanie, Pike Lake Meadows, and Rainbow Lake Ranch.

You can find the location map of all the sites here.

PSE Gas

PSE continues to work on the patching and overlays in the locations of the gas main and residential service lines off of NE 25th Way. They inform us that they are approximately 80% complete with the patching.

Verizon 5G

The work crews will continue to install the underground fiberoptic conduit along 228th along the east side within the shared use pathway. This work is being done by directional drilling a the small mobile drill. Once the installation of the cables have been installed the contractor will return to replace the damaged concrete sidewalk panels that have temporary patches.

Issaquah Fall City Road Phase 1

The long awaited first phase of construction of the Issaquah Fall City Road project is about to begin. Before the contractor starts bringing in equipment and moving dirt, we will be having an open house public meeting on August 31st, between 6:00PM and 8:00PM, at the Pacific Cascade Middle School. For more information, please visit the project web site at the following link: https://www.sammamish.us/government/departments/public-works/current-projects/issaquah-fall-city-road/

SE 4th Street Improvements

Work continues along SE 4th with the installation of the underground stormwater system. Work will be moving closer to the intersection of 228th and will be working south of the existing roadway.

Curb Ramp Retrofits and Sidewalk Repairs

Work continues on our annual <u>Curb Ramp Retrofit and Sidewalk Repair Project</u>. The work is being done along 211th Way NE. You can find a handy map of all the sites <u>here</u>.

Signal Cabinet Replacement and Signal Upgrade: ISPL and Klahanie Blvd

We will be upgrading the signal and replacing the signal cabinet at the intersection of Klahanie Blvd and Issaquah Pine Lake Road on August 7th. Expect delays as this intersection will be controlled with the help of the police department during the work. More to come next week.

Osgood Private Development

The developer has completed the storm drainage work along the roadway. Expect intermittent traffic control with flaggers and construction traffic, as needed, during the duration of this project.

Lynn Short Plat Private Development

The developer will be installing a sanitary sewer crossing East Lake Sammamish Parkway north of the SE 24th Way intersection. Expect traffic control limiting to one lane of travel with flaggers during the installation. There will be steel plates along the roadway until the final patching occurs.

The Last Word

Recently I purchased a litter robot for my cat, Jabba the Fluff. This device is, essentially, a space-age litter box. It wasn't cheap, it's not small, and so far the only thing Jabba finds interesting about it is the box it came in. But, for me, it's a piece of technology that will make our lives better – and by "our" I mean my. I will have less work to do because this thing cleans the litter automatically; also, Jabba will have a cleaner environment. It seems like a win-win...but Jabba will not use it. This got me thinking, why are cats...and humans... so resistant to new technology and change?

Spoiler alert: Change can be scary; it can be inconvenient; it can be messy. To help changes succeed we need to have champions for whatever change we're making and we may need to:

• Demonstrate or explain why the benefits outweigh the risks.

- Maintain the old system until the new one is in place and fully functioning, keeping in mind that it may require duplicate efforts.
- Make transitions slowly, ensuring each piece of the plan falls into place and that everyone involved understands what is changing and why.
- Allow time for testing new systems before taking them live.

Even with these steps it can take time to get people (and cats) to accept – and maybe even embrace – change. Having champions can help, but sometimes we just have to wait until the proverbial (or, in Jabba's case, literal) crap piles up for everyone to become as eager as we are to find a solution to the problem.

Communications-wise, we're going to be making some changes over the next year. We'll be introducing a new online community engagement tool called **Connect Sammamish** in August. This platform will allow us to gather your thoughts about the City's various plans and projects using a combination of forums, polls, surveys, and maps to encourage conversations and interaction. We'll also use it to keep you better informed about what's going on in the City. Our goal with **Connect Sammamish** is to build trust and more meaningful interactions with our residents, and to make better decisions based on data provided by community input.

We'll also be working on rebuilding the City of Sammamish website – with a cleaner interface and functioning search tool. And we're looking into launching a city app, so you'll be able to quickly and easily access the information you need/want on your phone 24/7.

We're hoping these new technologies will serve you well...and save a few trees along the way. Of course, even with great technology there's nothing like human interaction, so we will continue to be available in person or on the phone.

Sadly, at home, Jabba is still in the "wait for the problem to build up before embracing the new tech" boat, which is not so great for me; but I hope you'll embrace these new tools to connect with us beginning in August.

Be well, Sammamishians!

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